programme or design of engines and components. However, most of them are extending necessary cooperation and support in the implementation of the pilot project and some of them have made available a few cars for fitment of CNG kits, and for tests and trials.

(e) As the programme is in an experimental stage, it is too early to arrive at a final conclusion in this regard.

New LPG Connections

1898. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI :

SHRI IQBAL SINGH :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have set any target to provide new LPG connections during 1992-93;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the target has been reduced drastically by the oil companies;

(d) if so, the details and reasons therefor;

(e) whether the cut in the LPG connections will have an adverse impact on the Cylinder Industry; and

(f) if so, what remedial action Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The target is to release 7.5 lakhs new LPG connections during 1992-93.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

New Petroleum Refineries

1899. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question No. 2467 given in Rajya Sabha on 9th December, 1992 and state the details of augmentation of refining capacity as a result of these refineries ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : After the implementation of the 3 joint sector refineries, envisaged each with a 6 MMTPA capacity it is expected that the refining capacity would be augmented by 18 MMTPA. After the private sector refineries to whom LOI's have been issued are implemented, a total increase of 29 MMTPA in capacity is expected.

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(ख) यदि हां, तो इस सम्बन्ध में ब्यौरा क्या है?

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(ख) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

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1901. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**

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